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### SECOND WASHINGTON, D.C., MAN PLEADS GUILTY IN PCP CASE

KANSAS CITY, Kan. – United States Attorney Eric Melgren announced that **Paul Douglas**, 32, Washington, D.C., entered a guilty plea on January 20, 2004, before U.S. District Judge Carlos Murguia to **one count of possession with the intent to distribute PCP**.

Melgren stated that Douglas admitted at his plea that on May 19, 2003, he was driving a vehicle that was stopped by the Kansas Highway Patrol for a traffic violation near the Kansas Turnpike Authority in Leavenworth County, Kansas. During the traffic stop, the trooper ran a drug dog around the vehicle and the dog alerted to the odor of illegal drugs. Douglas admitted that the trooper found a one gallon jug of PCP in a cooler in the trunk and a pound of marijuana in a suitcase in the trunk. Douglas further admitted that he had flown from Washington, D.C., to Los Angeles, California, on May 17, 2003, to obtain the PCP. Douglas also admitted that he was transporting the PCP back to Washington, D.C. when he was stopped.

Douglas faces a minimum of ten years and a maximum of life in federal prison without parole. Sentencing is set for April 12, 2004.

**Co-defendant Mark Seymour, 33**, Washington, D.C., entered a guilty plea on November 24, 2003, to one count of possession with the intent to distribute PCP. Seymour faces a minimum of twenty years and a maximum of life in federal prison, without parole. Sentencing is set for February 9, 2004, at 3:00 p.m.

Melgren commended the excellent work of the Kansas Highway Patrol and the Drug Enforcement Administration in this investigation and Assistant U.S. Attorney Scott Rask in this prosecution.